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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 29 and 30 as follows:

-- 29. A communication terminal for disassembling a multiplexed signal obtained by multiplexing data into cells of fixed length, and transmitting/receiving the multiplexed signal through a communication line, comprising:

a multiplexed signal generator for multiplexing data to be transmitted from said communication terminal, thereby generating a multiplexed signal;

a cell-disassembling unit for disassembling the cells received through

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